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To Vote on Nine Amendments

Nine proposed amendments to the constitution will be submitted to the voters of Missouri at the November election. Five of these were submitted by the last legislature and four under initiative and referendum petitions.

The amendments are as follows: Reducing the minimum age at which children can enter the public schools from 6 to 5 years.

Authorizing St. Louis county to impose a special tax of five cents on the \$100 assessed valuation for constructing sewers and water systems.

Authorizing cities of the third and fourth classes to vote forty cents on the \$100 assessed valuation for public buildings.

Changing the naturalization laws so as to require aliens to take out their naturalization papers before exercising the right of franchise. They can now vote after having filed their declarations to become citizens, or first papers, as generally referred to by this class of citizens.

Requiring a registration of voters in St. Louis county.

The following four propositions will be submitted under the initiative and referendum and will follow the other amendments on the ballot as here indicated:

Providing for an abolition of taxes upon personal property, other than that owned by public service corporations. This is what is known as the single tax amendment.

Abolishing the state board of equalization and providing for the appointment by the governor of a tax commission, to be composed of three persons. This is a companion piece to the single tax proposition.

Authorizing the opening of the ballot boxes when it is in evidence that crimes against the election law have been committed, and which could only be established after an examination of the contents of the boxes. This is by far the longest of all the amendments. It was prepared at the instance of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Providing for a mill tax for support of the state university, the state normals and public schools, the tax to be divided equally.

Stock Judging Contest

The Missouri State Fair is offering \$175.00 in cash prizes, and a \$50.00 scholarship in the state agricultural college, at their stock judging contest to be held on the state fair grounds September 30, 1912. Any Missouri farmer's son under 25 years of age, who has never engaged in a stock judging contest of interstate or international nature, is eligible. Any agricultural college student who has not previously taken part in such a contest is also eligible. Horses and mules, beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine and sheep will be judged.

Persons desiring to enter this contest should make application at once to Secretary John T. Stinson, Sedalia, Mo.

The congregation will now join in singing that grand old hymn, "Everybody Lies But Teddy."

The census bureau announces that there are 1,346,925 women voters in six states, which indicates that the colonel has 1,346,925 reasons for espousing the suffrage cause.



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What the "Single Tax" Means

"Just what is Single Tax?" is a question heard most frequently, since Missouri is to vote on the question Nov. 5. Here's exactly what Single Tax means and what will happen if Missouri fails to vote NO on the constitutional amendment.

No tax on bonds, notes, mortgages, automobiles, stock, carriages, merchandise or any other form of personal property.

No tax on any building whatsoever. All taxes on the value of land, exclusive of improvements; and upon corporate franchises.

The results of Single Tax will be: A shifting of the burden of state and county tax FROM THE CITIES TO THE COUNTRY. The improvements and personal property in the cities are at least two or three times the value of the bare lots—even with the present lax enforcement of the personal property law. The same total annual revenue must be raised under the proposed law as now. The result can only be to make the country pay more taxes and the cities less. Any school boy can figure that out.

In towns there will be a similar shifting from improved lots to unimproved lots.

A skyscraper will pay no tax; and lots under it will pay only as much as the unimproved land in the immediate vicinity. The owner of a lot with a \$30,000 mansion on it will pay no more tax than the owner of an adjoining lot with a \$2,000 dwelling.

Petit Jurors

At the September session of the county court the following were selected to serve as petit jurors for the October term of the circuit court to be held in Brookfield:

Baker—W. S. Simpson.
Benton—Walter Prather and E. M. Stone.
Bucklin—Thomas Burnett and T. B. L. Hardip.
Brookfield—L. S. Churchill and Dan E. Grimmons.
Clay—J. R. Allen and Fred Stevenson.
Enterprise—W. C. Miller.
Grantville—L. C. Reick.
Jefferson—Paul Jones and Fred W. Groes.
Jackson—Lee Bowyer and Jas. Hayes.

Locust Creek—Frank Fain and Frank Huffman.

Marceline—John Dick and Curt Minnick.

North Salem—C. L. Wilson and John Wyatt.

Parson Creek—John W. Botts and W. A. Strickler.

Yellow Creek—A. J. McCollum.

The defeat of the Bull Moose candidate for governor of Colorado by a Taft republican is proof that the majority of the people are still liars or hypocrites or both.

Col. Roosevelt is so busy with big game that a number of his Chicago supporters find opportunity to dash for the tall timber without being speared.

The trouble with a holiday is that there ought to be another one the next day to enable the merry-makers to recuperate.

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Messenger: A. Ward was pleasantly surprised last Thursday when his son, E. H. Ward, and family, his daughter, Mrs. B. E. Shore, and family, came with well-filled baskets to help celebrate his 86th birthday anniversary. Mr. Ward is one of the five oldest men in Meadville.

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